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# February Bulletin

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**Join Us on February 6-7  
for Shabbaton 2004:  
The Place of Israel in the  
Lives of American Jewry**



**Learn With  
Scholar-in-Residence  
Dr. Daniel H. Gordis**



**Hear From  
Israeli  
Youth  
Educators**

**Savor Delectable Fruits  
of the Land**

**Sing, Dance, Enjoy**

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## ISRAEL THIS YEAR

## From the Rabbi's Desk

**P**raised are You, Lord Our God, King of the Universe, Who remembers the covenant, is faithful in the covenant, and Whose word is fulfilled.

### (Blessing upon seeing a rainbow.)

When Jeremy and I were on our honeymoon in Hawaii, we had the occasion to recite that blessing many times. The amazement and awe we felt each time we saw a rainbow reminded us of natural beauty and God's presence in the



world and in our lives.

In the Talmud, Rabbi Judah prescribes that when a person is walking and sees beautiful trees swaying in the air, that person should stop there and say: *Blessed is the Lord, for having created a world in which nothing is lacking and for having made living things and beautiful trees and plants to delight the human heart.*

### (Berakhot 43b)

Indeed, in Judaism, traditionally, we are instructed to utter 100 blessings a day to God for seemingly mundane happenings. Really, few of us stop 100 times a day to thank God, yet each time we do stop to sanctify time and space by remembering how blessed we are, we are enriched spiritually and emotionally. Praising God connects us to our families, to Judaism, and to the larger world.

The Rabbis remind us that to enjoy anything in this world without first offering a blessing is like robbing the sanctuary. Thus we must acknowledge everything we enjoy in this world as a

## SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES

February 2004

Friday evening, February 6 (Shabbaton) <i>Rinah U'Tefilah</i> Song and Prayer Service.....	6:15 pm
Saturday morning, February 7 (Shabbaton) <i>Hashkama</i> Service .....	7:30 am
<i>Sanctuary</i> Service .....	9:15 am
<b>Dr. Daniel H. Gordis, Guest Speaker</b>	
<i>Havurah</i> Service .....	9:30 am
<i>Tot Shabbat</i> Service .....	11:15 am
Friday evening, February 13 .....	6:15 pm
Saturday morning, February 14 <i>Hashkama</i> Service .....	7:30 am
<i>Sanctuary</i> Service .....	9:15 am
Friday evening, February 20 .....	6:15 pm
<b>Children's February Birthday Service</b>	
Saturday morning, February 21 <i>Hashkama</i> Service .....	7:30 am
<i>Sanctuary</i> Service .....	9:15 am
<i>Havurah</i> Service .....	9:30 am
<i>Tot Shabbat</i> Service .....	11:15 am
Friday evening, February 27 .....	6:15 pm
(Followed by Men's Club Dinner, reservations required)	
Saturday morning, February 28 <i>Hashkama</i> Service .....	7:30 am
<i>Shabbat Hakavod</i> <i>Sanctuary</i> Service .....	9:15 am
(Followed by Luncheon, reservations required)	

Rabbi David H. Lincoln, Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern and Rabbi Paulette R. Posner will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

special offering of God. It remains God's property until we acquire ownership by reciting a benediction. The blessing is to keep alive in us a sense of wonder, awe, astonishment, and surprise at God's never-ending goodness.

There is yet another purpose of offering blessings: to expand our souls. So many of us go through life mechanically and mundanely. Each day we immerse ourselves in trivialities, in petty issues, and in

inconsequential goals. We are afflicted with stress, mixed with boredom and monotony. How well the poet William Wordsworth captures this sad state of affairs in his lament:

The world is too much with us;  
late and soon,  
Getting and spending, we lay  
waste our powers:  
Little we see in Nature that is ours;  
We have given our hearts away,  
a sordid boon...

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The function of a blessing is to correct this condition. It is to enlarge and enrich our lives, to lift up our spirits, to broaden our views, to raise our sights. It is conveyed in a story about a man who had gone without food for several days and needed money to end his starvation. Someone noticed his plight and gave him five dollars. The donor asked him how he intended to spend the money. He replied: "With three dollars, I'll buy food. With the remaining two, I'll purchase flowers. The food is in order to live; the flowers are in order to make life worth living."

Indeed, how grateful we are that Judaism has given us the opportunity to bless God in order to make our souls great and to make our lives worth living.

**Paulette R. Posner,**  
Assistant Rabbi

## From the Chairman

**A**s promised, each of my monthly *Bulletin* articles will examine a different aspect of Park Avenue Synagogue life. This month's article focuses



on an aspect of Park Avenue Synagogue that is of paramount importance to many of our members: how we are working toward the goal of turning our

membership of 1,500 families into a meaningful Jewish community.

One way our Synagogue is meeting this goal is by responding in meaningful ways when a Synagogue member is ill. At this most difficult time, there are three ways our

Synagogue is available:

1. The clergy will give a special blessing, a *Mishabarach*, for healing and recovery. To request a blessing, call a clergy member, giving the Hebrew names of the patient and the patient's mother.

2. A member of the clergy will visit a patient; please notify the office when someone is ill.

3. The *Bikur Cholim* Caring Committee reaches out to provide emotional and practical support to the ill (homebound and elderly as well). Please call Rabbi Lincoln's office if you know of someone who would appreciate a call or visit from a Committee member.

The wonderful way in which our community cares for the sick is an example of how we are striving to build community in other ways. Please continue to share with me all of your aspirations for what our community can be.

**Amy A.B. Bressman,**  
*Chairman of the Board*

## Synagogue Family

### Welcome to P.A.S.

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:

Mr Adam & Mrs. Hillary Comora, Dr. Richard & Mrs. Miriam Frieden, Mrs. Carol Joseph, Mr. Kevin & Mrs. Stephanie Leichter, Dr. Sidney & Mrs. Ruth Nearenberg, Mr. David & Mrs. Stacie Schapiro, Mr. Jonas & Mrs. Nancy Shapiro, Mr. Thom & Mrs. Vanessa Waye, Mr. Michael & Mrs. Ayse Weinberg, Mr. David & Mrs. Carrie Zimmerman.

### With Pride and Congratulations

Park Avenue Synagogue extends a hearty mazel tov to:

- Lisa, Michael and Steven Borodkin, on the birth of their daughter and sister, Julia Candice.

- Theodore Bressman and Andrew Brog, on competing in the 10th Annual Pan-American Maccabi Games, held in Santiago, Chile. Theodore received a Silver medal in the Men's Basketball Open, and Andrew took home the Gold in the Men's Master's Basketball competition.
- Roslyn and Robert Haber, upon the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Haber, to David Scott Fenster.

### Celebrating a Simcha?

A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, etc? Sponsor a breakfast *Kiddush* any weekday after our Morning *Minyan*! Call Lynn Schneider in the Synagogue office for more information (212) 369-2600.

### Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and to their families:

Ryna Bab, on the passing of her mother, Mildred Thrope.

Dr. Neil Coplan, on the passing of his father, Joseph Coplan.

Jean Steinberg, upon the passing of her husband, Meyer Steinberg (inadvertently omitted from the January Bulletin).

### P.A.S. Is Just a Click Away

Spend a few minutes at Park Avenue Synagogue's website, [www.pasyn.org](http://www.pasyn.org). Get the latest information on events, programs, meetings, etc. See the Synagogue calendar. Sign up for email groups. Communicate with our clergy and staff.

# Park Avenue Synagogue Happenings

## Israeli General Doron Almog to Join Men's Club Mideast Panel



The Men's Club Mideast Forum, Brunch, and Worldwide Wrap on **February 1** at

10:00 am promises to be especially stimulating and interesting. Major General Doron Almog, who headed the I.D.F. Southern Command (including Gaza and the security fence surrounding it), will join Jonathan Lincoln, Senior Research Associate with the U.S./Middle East Project at the Council on Foreign Relations, and P.A.S. President Menachem Z. Rosensaft, a prolific writer on the Middle East peace process, on our distinguished panel. General Almog is currently associated with the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. Rabbi David H. Lincoln will lend his expertise during the discussion, and former P.A.S. President Paul Schreiber will serve as moderator. All congregants and friends are invited to this extraordinary event. The brunch is free to Men's Club members; \$10 for others.

## Sisters of the Resistance, a Film About Righteous Gentiles

WEG invites all P.A.S. congregants and their friends to the Synagogue on **Monday, February 9**, at 7:30 pm to see and hear the moving story of four young Parisian women who joined the underground to fight the horrors perpetuated by the Nazi regime, as told fifty years later. Watch the film and imagine yourself in that situation: Would you, too, have had the courage to resist? This moving narration was shown on public TV. Along with watching the film, we will have the opportunity to honor the many non-Jewish people who risked their own lives because of their moral decency.

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## Our Heart Is in the East: The Place of Israel in the Lives of American Jewry

**Join us for a full Shabbat of programs and sessions for all ages, focused on Israel.**

- Scholar-in-Residence **Dr. Daniel H. Gordis** joins us from Israel to inspire us with lectures, workshops and *Shabbat* morning *D'Var Torah*. And just for teens: Friday night dessert and discussion with **Dr. Gordis**.
- **Achai VeRe'rai**, Post-Army Israeli youth educators provide school-aged children with a personal glimpse into Israel. Our own **Jonathan Bayer and Jody Prusan** will lead activities for toddlers and pre-schoolers.
- The whole family can celebrate the New Year for the trees with fellow congregants and clergy at the **T'U B'Sh'vat Seder** on

Saturday at 4:30 pm. Taste and recite blessings for a variety of delectable fruits and juices and learn about their connection to the Jewish People and the Land of Israel. Stories, songs and rituals are combined to create a ceremony rooted in mystical tradition. All are welcome; no reservation is required.

- Enjoy a musical *Havdallah* for all ages with musicians and educators **Brian Gelfand, Jonathan Bayer and Jody Prusan**.
- Call Sarah Gribetz,**  
**(212) 369-2600, ext. 142,**  
**for more information.**

## Nurturing Your Child's Spirituality

The Young Couples Group invites everyone to a most important discussion on finding ways to nourish and deepen our children's spirituality, on **Wednesday, February 11** at 7:30 pm. Jonathan Katz, Director, Jewish Connections Programs, and Rabbi Stephanie Dickstein, Pastoral Care Coordinator, Jewish Connections Programs, will lead the discussion. Light refreshments will be served. The location will be announced. For

information or to R.S.V.P., please email Suzette Rubinstein at [arubinstein5@nyc.rr.com](mailto:arubinstein5@nyc.rr.com), or Sheri Bleustein at [smbleustein@aol.com](mailto:smbleustein@aol.com).

## Men's Club Shabbat Service and Dinner

Every year the Men's Club gathers to host a *Shabbat* service and festive dinner. All are invited to join in on **Friday, February 27**. Dinner reservations are a must; please call Lynn Schneider at the Synagogue office (212) 369-2600.



# Jewish Life and Learning

## Adult Study and Learning

Please call Sarah Gribetz, (212) 369-2600, ext. 140, to register or reserve. The cost for classes is \$25/members; \$40/non-members, unless otherwise noted.

### There's No Place Like Home: Easy Home Rituals for You and Your Child

Three Tuesdays, 12:15pm-1:15 pm  
Rabbi Jennifer Krause, instructor.  
\$25/ members; \$40/ non-members; free of charge to those enrolled in HaMishpachah Sheli or Jewish JAMST™.

**February 24, March 2, March 9**

### Create Your Own Miriam's Cup: A Creative Art Workshop for Mothers, Daughters and Granddaughters (Men welcome too!)

Three Wednesdays, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm  
**February 25, March 3, March 10**

### Israel Through Film

Thursdays, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm  
Lisa Samick, instructor.

### Thursday, February 19: Promises

(Arabic, Hebrew and English dialogue with English subtitles).

Next film: March 11.

### Hebrew Language for Absolute Beginners

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm  
Dr. Rivka Halperin, instructor.  
**Space is still available.**

### Beyond Beginners: A Hebrew Class

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm-8:45 pm  
Varda Hubara, instructor.  
**Space is still available.**

### David: From Shepherd to Monarch to Israel's Greatest King, Part II

Wednesdays, 8:00 pm-9:30 pm  
Rabbi Joseph Brodie, instructor.  
**Space is still available**

## This Month in Israel's History...

To help you learn more about Israel's rich history and feel even more connected to Eretz Yisrael, each month during Park Avenue Synagogue's Israel Year, we will highlight important events in Israel's past. We hope you will discuss them with family and friends, and read more about those that particularly interest you.

### February

1949: Israel concludes a bilateral armistice agreement with Egypt, which terminates the military phase of the War of Independence.

1969: Prime Minister Levi Eshkol dies and is succeeded (on March 17) by Golda Meir. Yasir Arafat (b.1929), leader of al-Fatah, becomes head of the PLO.

1978: Anwar al-Sadat arrives in Washington, D.C. for talks with President Jimmy Carter, and urges

the U.S. to act as "the arbiter" in talks with Israel. Carter stresses the U.S. intention to be "mediator," not arbiter.

1980: Israel and Egypt formally exchange ambassadors.

1986: Israel and Spain establish diplomatic relations.

1987: The U.S. officially designates Israel a major non-NATO ally, an acknowledgement of Israel's strategic value to the U.S.

1990: Poland and Czechoslovakia resume diplomatic relations with Israel after a 23-year break.

1991: On February 25, Iraq launches its 39th and last SCUD missile attack on Israel. In these attacks, 13 people were killed and nearly 200 people were injured; 4,095 buildings were damaged, and 1,644 families were evacuated from Tel Aviv and Ramat Gan.

## Family Education/Kehillah

### Tot Shabbat

This semi-monthly Shabbat morning service is a wonderful opportunity for toddlers and pre-school aged children to celebrate Shabbat together with their

parents, grandparents and friends. Very popular among our young families, these services attract a huge crowd as we celebrate Shabbat together. Led by Jody Prusan.

**February 7, February 21**

## New J.T.S. Documentaries on TV

*A Sacred Noise: The New Jewish Music*, featuring noted cantors, will be broadcast through March on NBC.

*Legacy of Our Ancestors: The 350th Anniversary Celebration of Early Jewish America*, which chronicles the beginnings of the Jewish community in America, features interviews with leading historians

in the field, including world-renowned J.T.S. scholars. It will be broadcast nationally through February 24.

For a complete list of subjects, as well as how to purchase these and other videos, visit the J.T.S. website at [www.jtsa.edu](http://www.jtsa.edu). For television viewing times and dates, please check local listings, or go to the J.T.S. website for updated broadcast schedules.

## News From Our Schools

### Congregational School

by Renee Ghert-Zand, Director of Education

#### **L'ma'an Hayladim (For the Sake of the Children): Professionals and Lay Leaders Working Together**

**O**ne would correctly assume that the work that is done in the Congregational School (any school, for that matter) is *l'ma'an hayladim*, for the sake of the children. However, one may not correctly assume who actually does this work. Most obviously, the teachers, principal and education office staff are "on stage" with the students on a daily basis. But behind the scenes are the professionals' partners in education, the lay members of the Congregational School Committee (a subcommittee of the Synagogue's Education Committee) and the Parents' Association, who help make things happen.

*Shabbat Hakavod*, which is scheduled for February 28, is a day on which we honor the children in our school and congregation. Later in the year, we fete the students as we all reflect on their accomplishments at the *Tekes Siyyum/Moving Up Ceremony*. In January we held a teacher appreciation event to thank our faculty for all their hard work and dedication. But *hakarat hatov*, the recognition of the good and ensuing gratitude for it, must also extend to our lay leaders who work tirelessly and voluntarily *l'ma'an hayladim*.

I thank all Congregational School Committee and Parents' Association members for their work on behalf of our school. Special mention, however, must go to Amy Landesberg, who assumed the chairmanship of the Congregational School Committee this year and has brought a tremendous amount of energy

and seriousness to the job. As partners, we challenge and learn from each other in our efforts to create a plan to move our growing school forward. Likewise, Rachael First and Susan Edelstein, as Parents' Association co-chairs for the past two years, have demonstrated an exceptional amount of vitality and creativity in building our school community and spirit. They have been, and continue to be, wonderful people to work with. *Yasher Koach* to all!

#### **February Dates to Remember**

- **Sunday, February 1** – Zayin & 8th Grade families visit to the Museum of Jewish Heritage.
- **Monday-Saturday, February 2-7** – Special T"U B'Sh'vat programming



Gimel students teach Alef students the blessings for the Hanukkah candles. Throughout the year, older and younger classes are "buddied" for learning activities.

with Achai VeRe'rai, visiting Israeli youth educators.

- **Saturday, February 7** – Shabbaton Shabbat B'yachad program for Gimel – Vav families.
- **Sunday, February 8** – USCJ-METNY Zimriyah song festival.
- **Wednesday, February 11** – Hay visit to The Jewish Museum.
- **Monday, February 23** – Zayin Lomdim B'yachad program (parents and students).
- **Saturday, February 28** – *Shabbat Hakavod* service and luncheon for all grades.

### Rabbi Judah Nadich High School

by Lisa Samick

#### **Practicing *Tikkun Olam***

**S**ince September, our 7th and 8th grade students have been participating in a new, intensive two-year curriculum on Social Justice. During the fall, we spent each week delving into various social issues and examining what the Jewish perspective is on them. This curriculum, based on work done by the Jewish Fund for Justice\*, has offered our students the opportunity to talk about and analyze their role in the Jewish value of *tikkun olam* (healing the world).

This month, we will be taking our work to the next level as our students go out into the community and acquire practical

experience in what we have been learning. We have partnered with social service agencies across the city to create four-month internships for our students. Each week they will be volunteering in sites throughout the city, having a direct impact on the clients they serve. Additionally, they will have the opportunity to learn more about their partner organization and about the social issue they are dealing with, in order to then teach the rest of the class.

We are very proud of the important work our students are doing about the issues of hunger, homelessness, poverty, care of the elderly, and visiting the sick.

\*The Jewish Fund for Justice was founded in 1984 to deal with the injustice of poverty in America.



# Early Childhood Center

by Carol Hendin, Director

## Celebrating Our Children

When there never seems to be enough time in our lives to do all that we want to do, I'm inspired by the high level of participation and

involvement our parents have at the Early Childhood Center. Studies show that the most important variable in determining a child's success in school is not the IQ of the child, not the socio-economic level of the parents, not the parents' level of education, but the parents' interest, involvement and support of the school and their child's experience there.

The enthusiasm and support in our school is staggering, starting with the large number of families who drop their children off personally, to the ones who go to any and all lengths to attend conferences, holiday parties, seminars and other Synagogue functions, and those who help with the library, class trips, *Mitzvah Day*, the Book Fair, the Spring Benefit and the Newsletter, etc. Our school would not be what it is were it not for the parents' participation and contributions to our programs.

Our children grow up too fast, and the time slips away ever so quickly. Indulge yourself and enjoy the time you have with them; you are the most important influence on them. Take the time to help them develop, and at the same time enjoy the pleasure of the moment. It's heartwarming to note that here at P.A.S. we take time to "smell the roses." Now is the time to celebrate our children.

### February Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, February 8, 10:30 am** - Sing-Along with Peter & Ellen Allard. Everyone welcome.
- **Wednesday & Thursday, February 25 & 26** - Class Photos.

## Kol Nidre Appeal 2003/5764

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Trustees, I would like to thank all those who have given to our annual *Kol Nidre* Appeal between December 8, 2003 and January 8, 2004. Your generous donations help Park Avenue Synagogue maintain the level of our dynamic programming and community social action efforts, such as the Food Pantry.

The *Kol Nidre* Appeal is the only Synagogue-wide fundraising campaign that we conduct each year, and the funds that are raised help the annual Synagogue operating budget in countless ways. We are under new financial pressure because:

- Membership dues account for only 38% of the operating budget;
- Our security and insurance costs have more than tripled in the last two years;
- Maintaining our inspiring sanctuary and landmark facility, parts of which date back to 1927, requires constant attention and improvement.

More than ever we need your generous contributions. Again, our heartfelt thanks to those who have given. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a *Kol Nidre* pledge, we look forward to hearing from you.

*B'shalom,*

Marty Halbfinger  
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## Bikur Cholim Caring Committee

The Park Avenue Synagogue Bikur Cholim Caring Committee reaches out in complete confidence to the ill, elderly and homebound in friendship and companionship through telephone calls and/or visits. If you would like to be contacted by one of its caring, dedicated volunteers, or know someone who might benefit from the committee's attention, please contact Rabbi Lincoln's secretary, Liya, at (212) 369-2600.

## The P.A.S. Bereavement Group

Those who have lost loved ones or friends will find support and understanding at Park Avenue Synagogue's Bereavement Group. The group meets monthly and is facilitated by Dr. Sheila Erlich, a licensed psychologist. Upcoming meetings will take place on Thursdays **February 19, March 18, April 15, and May 13, 4:00-5:00 pm** in the Family Room. For additional information, please call Rabbi Kenneth Stern at (212) 369-2600.

## 2006-2007 B'nai Mitzvah Dates

Reminder: Dates will be assigned in the spring of 2004. All Day School families should contact Rabbi Stern (369-2600, ext. 123) to ensure that their children will be included in the roster; students enrolled in the Congregational School will be included automatically.

## February Birthday Celebration

Bring *Shabbat* into your children's lives by celebrating their birthdays at P.A.S. All children with February birthdays will be called up to the *bimah* and honored at our February Birthday Celebration Service, **Friday evening Februay 20 at 6:15 pm**. Come as a family and celebrate. Call Rabbi Kenneth Stern's office for more information.

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Marlene Muskin, in honor of Muriel Bessinger, for all her help at Mitzvah Sunday.

Philip, Marlene & Matthew Muskin, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Abramovitz.

Philip, Marlene, & Matthew Muskin, in memory of Meyer Steinberg.

Philip, Marlene & Matthew Muskin, in memory of Isidore Perlmutter.

JoAnn & David Small, thank you to the Food Pantry for all of the work that goes into making it successful.

Marcia & Steven Stone, in honor of Melanie Schneider & thank you for your tireless work for the congregants.

Marcia & Steven Stone, in memory of Joan Schreiber's beloved father, Isidore Perlmutter.

Marcia & Steven Stone, in honor of the marriage of Rabbi Paulette and Jeremy Posner.

Marcia & Steven Stone, in honor of Heidi Silverstone's honor as *Kallat Bereishit*.

Marcia & Steven Stone, in honor of Robert Becker's honor on *Simhat Torah*.

Meryl E. Wiener & Barry A. Bryer, in memory of Isidore Perlmutter, father of Joan Schreiber.

Meryl E. Wiener & Barry A. Bryer in memory of Vicki Wimpfheimer.

### Library Fund

Mrs. Nancy Burack, in honor of her birthday.

Mr. & Mrs. Julius Paige, in honor of their 48th wedding anniversary.

### Liturgical Music Fund

Marcia & Steven Stone, in honor of Ezra Glenn's Bar Mitzvah.

Marcia & Steven Stone, in honor of Cantor David Lefkowitz, Cantor Nancy Abramson and Musical Director Neil Robinson. Thank you for your tireless work with the Congregational Singers.

### Albert & Rachel Murad Memorial Scholarship Fund

Doris & Henry Murad, in memory of David Davis.

### Prayer Book Fund

Dr. & Mrs. M. Leon Canick, in memory of Isidore Perlmutter, father of Joan Schreiber, father-in-law of Paul Schreiber and grandfather of Douglas and Stacey.

Richard Leavy, in honor of Gabriel Leavy Sobell.

### James P. Robbins Fund

Mr. & Mrs. James P. Robbins, in honor of their anniversary.

### Welfare Fund

Mrs. Patricia Fuchs, in memory of her beloved mother, Florence Prashker.

Mr. & Mrs. Milton Fuchs, in memory of their brother, Samuel Frumkies.

Mr. Milton Fuchs.

Mrs. Patricia Fuchs, in memory of her beloved grandmother, Rebecca Bayer.

Dr. Samuel Katz, in memory of Dr. Sherman Kupfer.

Mr. Donald Kirsch.

Ms. Laurie Ferber Podolsky, in memory of her beloved father, Leon Ferber.

Jutta Tannhauser, in memory of Vicki Wimpfheimer.

### Synagogue Offerings

Dr. & Mrs. Herbert Abrams, in honor of their anniversary.

Mr. Harris Amster, in memory of his

beloved father, Fred Amster.

Mr. Albert Appel, in memory of his beloved mother, Belle "Bobbie" Appel.

Dr. Jean Pakter Bachman, in honor of her birthday.

Dr. Jean Pakter Bachman, in memory of her beloved husband, Dr. Arnold Bachman.

Jim & Susan Baumann, in memory of Jim Rosenfeld's father, Jay H. Rosenfeld.

Mr. Frederick Berenstein, in memory of his beloved father, Alfredo Berenstein.

Mrs. Esther Biederman, in memory of her beloved mother, Celia Grabelsky.

Mr. & Mrs. Morris E. Biederman, in honor of their anniversary.

Mrs. Sheri Bleustein, in memory of her beloved grandmother, Nettie Hymans.

Dr. Meri Schachter Bodoff, in memory of her beloved father, Milton Schachter.

The Chajet Family, in honor of the birth of Sonia Chajet Wides, the Chajet family's first grandchild.

Mrs. Esta Chavkin, in memory of her beloved father, Louis P. Greenberg.

Mr. Wallace Chavkin, in memory of his beloved mother, Dinah Chavkin.

Mr. & Mrs. H. Kenneth Cohen, in memory of Isadore Yavers.

Mr. Edward B. Cohen, in memory of his beloved mother, Arline W. Cohen.

Dr. Arturo Constantiner, in memory of his beloved mother, Joan Constantiner.

Mr. David C. Cook, in memory of his beloved mother, Shirley Cook.

Mrs. Fran Evans, in memory of her beloved husband, Melvin I. Evans.

Mr. Barton E. Farber, in memory of Dan & Mary Farber.

Mrs. Phyllis Feinberg, in memory of her beloved father, Jack Salovsky.

Herb & Harriet Feiweil, in memory of Isidore Perlmutter, father of Joan Schreiber.

Mr. William Felder, in memory of Gertrude Felder.

Mrs. Gertrude Finkelstein, in honor of her birthday.

Ms. Nina Firisen, in memory of her beloved husband, Jeffrey Firisen.

Ms. Yola Friedman, in memory of her beloved father, Samuel Gertel.

Ms. Yola Friedman, in memory of her beloved grandfather, Berish Gertel.

- Mr. Milton Fuchs, in memory of his beloved sister, Estelle Rapoport.
- Mrs. Ruth Fuhrman, in memory of Vicki Wimpfheimer.
- Mrs. Ruth Fuhrman, in memory of her beloved brother, Milton David Cohen.
- Joan & Howard Goldberg, in memory of their beloved parents, Fern & Jack Hoexter.
- Joan & Howard Goldberg, in memory of Sam Kleiner.
- Mr. Herman C. Goldsmith, in honor of his birthday.
- Mrs. Jennifer Goldstein, in memory of her beloved father, Paul Steinhaus.
- Ms. Barbara Goltzer, in memory of her beloved father, Samuel Gertel.
- Ms. Barbara Goltzer, in memory of her beloved grandfather, Berish Gertel.
- Mr. Ernest Gottschalk, in honor of his birthday.
- Herta & Ernest Gottschalk, in memory of Isidore Perlmutter, father of Joan Schreiber.
- Herta & Ernest Gottschalk, in memory of Jean Fraier Leich, mother of Mark Fraier.
- Mr. & Mrs. Charles Greenberg, in honor of their anniversary.
- Mrs. Sharon E. Greenstein, in memory of her beloved brother, David Edward Carson.
- Mrs. Rose Grobman, in memory of her beloved father, Harry Warshawsky.
- Mr. Sanford Grobman, in memory of his beloved mother, Frances Grobman.
- Mr. Paul Hall, in memory of his beloved mother, Rose Hall.
- Anita & Douglas Harris, in honor of the marriage of Rabbi Paulette Gross.
- Anita & Douglas Harris, in memory of Doris Weiss.
- Susan & Leon Heller, in memory of Vicki Wimpfheimer.
- Mr. & Mrs. Leon I. Heller, in honor of their anniversary.
- Mr. Leon I. Heller, in honor of his birthday.
- Mrs. Barbara Jacobs, in memory of her beloved father, George Schlissel.
- Mr. Stephen Judlowe, in memory of his beloved mother, Ida Judlowe.
- Ms. Barbara Julius, in memory of her beloved father, Harold Julius.
- Mrs. Miriam Kaplan, in memory of her beloved husband, Nathaniel R. Kaplan.
- Ms. Rosamond V.P. Kaufman, in memory of her beloved father, Ira Van Poznak.
- Mr. & Mrs. Sam Kaufman, in honor of Harrison Weis Monsky on the celebration of his *Bar Mitzvah*, November 15, 2003.
- Mrs. Sharon Kesselman, in memory of her beloved father, Herb Caplan.
- Dr. David Korris, in memory of his beloved mother, Nettie (Davis) Korris.
- Mr. Stanley Kreinik, in memory of his beloved father, Walter Kreinik.
- Ms. Stephanie Later, in memory of her beloved mother, Frances Later.
- Cantor & Mrs. David Lefkowitz, in honor of the milestone birthday of our mom, Faye Mintzer.
- Mrs. Ann Leichtling, in memory of a very special friend, Vicki Wimpfheimer.
- Mrs. Ann Leichtling, in honor of her birthday.
- Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Leventhal, in honor of their anniversary.
- Dr. & Mrs. Marvin Levine, in honor of their anniversary.
- Marian Levitt, in honor of the marriage of Rabbi Gross & Jeremy Posner.
- Marion Levitt, in honor of Cantor Nancy Abramson's son Ezra's *Bar Mitzvah*.
- Ms. Marge Magner.
- Franklin & Terry Mark, in memory of Joseph Coplan, father of Dr. Neil Coplan.
- Mrs. Rita Matthews, in memory of her beloved mother, Pearl Rolnick.
- Mr. Robert Matthews, in memory of his beloved mother, Rose Matthews.
- Mrs. Jill Meisels, in memory of her beloved father, David Kotlen.
- Mr. Martin J. Milston, in memory of his beloved sister, Carole Convisser.
- Mr. & Mrs. Martin Milston, in honor of the wedding of Rabbi Gross & Jeremy Posner.
- Mrs. Janet Moss, in memory of her beloved husband, Alan M. Moss.
- Mrs. Janet Moss, in memory of Vicki Wimpfheimer.
- Mrs. Janet Moss, in memory of her beloved uncle Sidney Teitelbaum.
- Mr. Howard Muchnick, in memory of his beloved father, Meyer Muchnick.
- Dr. Carol Mutterperl, in memory of her beloved father, William Frieser.
- Mrs. Melanie Nasberg, in memory of her beloved grandmother, Clara Fisher.
- Mr. Charles Neustein, in honor of his mother and father, Estelle & Irving Neustein.
- Mrs. Charlotte Nowick, in memory of her beloved mother, Lillian Baer.
- Barbara & Peter Paris & family, in memory of Victorine Wimpfheimer.
- Mr. Herbert Peress, in memory of his beloved mother, Elsie Peress Bernstein.
- Dr. & Mrs. Walter Peretz, in honor of their daughter Nancy Alison's engagement to Peter I. Sheft.
- Dr. & Mrs. Walter Peretz, in honor of their anniversary on December 29th.
- Mrs. Myra Pollack, in memory of her beloved mother, Bertha Kohn.
- Mrs. Helen Raticoff, in memory of her beloved brother, Milton David Cohen.
- Mr. Mordecai Rochlin, in memory of his beloved wife, Ruth K. Rochlin.
- Mr. Mordecai Rochlin, in memory of his beloved mother, Bessie Rochlin.
- Mr. Mordecai Rochlin, in honor of his birthday.
- Mrs. Phyllis Rosenberg, in memory of her beloved brother, Howard Lawrence Moreida.
- Mr. Sidney D. Rosoff, in honor of his birthday.
- Melanie Schneider, in memory of Jonathan Crespy.
- Melanie Schneider, in memory of Jean Fraier Leich.
- Melanie Schneider, in memory of Isidore Perlmutter.
- Mr. Harvey Schulweis, in memory of his beloved wife, Rosalind Schulweis.
- Mrs. Helen Shapiro, in memory of her beloved husband, Aaron Shapiro.
- Mr. Joel Silver, in memory of his beloved brother, J. Leonard Silver.
- Mr. Joel Silver, in memory of his beloved sister, Ruth Sklaver.
- Mrs. JoAnn Small, in memory of her beloved father, Murray Resnick.
- Ms. Susan Smirnoff, in memory of Barbara Smirnoff.
- Mrs. Sally Stein, in memory of her beloved brother, Bud Dubenofsky.
- Mrs. Frances Stewart, in memory of her beloved father, Fred Hahn.
- Mr. & Mrs. Victor Struber, in honor of their anniversary.
- Mr. Victor Struber, in memory of his beloved mother, Lillian Struber.
- Mrs. Bernice Tannenbaum, in memory of her beloved mother, May Franklin.
- Rosalyn Tauber, in memory of Clara Tauber, grandmother of Susan Silverman, Judy Poss and David Brous Jr.
- Mr. Robert Tetenbaum, in memory of his beloved father, Stanley Tetenbaum.
- Mr. Edward Toledano, in memory of his beloved father, Joseph L. Toledano.
- Mr. Edward Toledano, in memory of his beloved mother, Estrella Toledano.
- Mr. Ray L. Treiger, in memory of his beloved mother, Rose Treiger.
- Dr. Renee Waldinger, in memory of her beloved mother, Lea Maria Kessler.
- Ann & Harvey Walpert, in honor of the forthcoming wedding of Julie Walpert and Rabbi Charles Savenor on March 28, 2004.
- Mrs. Roberta Wolf, in memory of her beloved mother, Betty Neustein.
- Dr. Abraham Yurkofsky, in memory of his beloved father, Max Yurkofsky.
- Mrs. Roberta Zinbarg, in memory of her beloved father, Max Goldman.
- Mr. Eugene Zinbarg, in memory of his beloved mother, Esther Zinbarg.

### **Tikkun Olam Committee for Community Outreach**

- Katherina Grunfeld, in memory of Jonathan Crespy, beloved brother of Rabbi Melissa F. Crespy.
- Katherina Grunfeld, in memory of Isidore Perlmutter, beloved father of Joan Schreiber.
- Katherina Grunfeld, in memory of Lillian Rich, beloved mother of Harriet Feiwel.
- Katherina Grunfeld, in memory of Vicki Wimpfheimer.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS for FEBRUARY 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday								
1  10:00 am Men's Club Brunch	2  9:30 pm WEG Board Meeting 8:00 pm Book Discussion Group	3  8:00 am Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics with Rabbi Kenneth Stern 7:15 pm Immersion & Conversion with Rabbi Paulette Posner	4  10:00 am Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class 7:30 pm Hebrew Class	5  11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn 4:30 pm CS Program	6  <i>Shabbaton</i> 6:15 pm Rinah U'Tefilah Friday Evening Service 4:59 pm Light Candles	7  <i>Shabbaton T"U B'Shvat</i> 7:30 am <u>Hashkama Service</u> 9:15 am Sanctuary Service, Dr. Daniel H. Gordis, Guest Speaker 9:30 am <u>Havurah Service</u> 11:00 am <u>Nitzanim Shabbat Service</u> 11:15 am <u>Tot Shabbat Service</u>								
8  10:30 am ECC PA Concert	9  7:30 pm WEG Open Meeting (Film)	10  8:00 am Talmud with Rabbi David Lincoln 11:00 am Tuesday Topics with Rabbi Kenneth Stern 7:15 pm Immersion & Conversion with Rabbi Paulette Posner	11  10:00 am Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class 6:30 pm Solomon Schechter Annual Dinner Dance 7:30 pm Hebrew Class 7:30 pm Young Couples Group Program	12  8:30 am Executive Education Meeting 11:00 am Lunch 'n' Learn	13  6:15 pm Friday Evening Service 5:08 Light Candles	14  7:30 am <u>Hashkama Service</u> 9:15 am Sanctuary Service								
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29  	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD LIBRARY</b></p> <p><b>Schedule of Hours:</b></p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Mondays</td> <td>2:30 pm to 6:00 pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesdays</td> <td>2:30 am to 3:45 pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesdays</td> <td>2:30 pm to 4:15 pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursdays</td> <td>2:30 pm to 6:00 pm</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Mondays	2:30 pm to 6:00 pm	Tuesdays	2:30 am to 3:45 pm	Wednesdays	2:30 pm to 4:15 pm	Thursdays	2:30 pm to 6:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REMEMBER THE DAILY MINYANIM</b></p> <p>Monday - Friday at 7:15 am Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9 am Sunday - Thursday at 5:45 pm Saturday afternoons February 7 and February 14 at 5:15 pm; February 21 and February 28 at 5:30 pm</p>	
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Listings are accurate as of January 1, 2004. Dates & times are subject to change. Please check with the Synagogue office to confirm calendar information.

## A Look Ahead

**Come Celebrate Purim  
Saturday evening and  
Sunday morning,  
March 6-7**

In Israel, people take to the streets on Purim in joyous merrymaking. At P.A.S., we will mark Purim with readings and



**WEG Explores  
Our Place To  
Pray in Israel  
Monday, March 15,  
7:30 pm**

Learn the scope of Conservative Jewish activities offered in Israel to old and young from other countries, including Russia, Argentina, Ethiopia and America, as well as to Israelis. Hear from the Masorti Foundation for Conservative Judaism in Israel about newly formed Conservative

services on Saturday evening, March 6: *Minha* at 5:45 pm in the Chapel; Family reading at 7 pm in the Sanctuary; Full reading of *megillah* at 8 pm in the Chapel (with *ma'a'riv* and *Havdallah*). On Sunday, March 7 at 9 am, *megillah* will be read as part of the service in the Chapel.

congregations that serve the religious and social needs of those who are not comfortable in an ultra-traditional Jewish setting.

### **Young Couples Group Bowling Night**

**Thursday, March 18**

Mark your calendar for the Young Couples Group Spring Fundraiser, a fun-filled Bowling Night at Chelsea Piers. You'll want to be there! Details will follow.

## **PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE SUMMER DAY CAMP**

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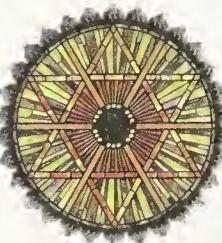
### **TWO PROGRAM SESSIONS:**

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